

STATUS OF THE HEALTH CARE SECTOR

U.S. reconstruction in this sector has focused on building, rehabilitating, and equipping medical facilities, as well as providing immunization, training, and other health services. Originally, 150 Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs) were planned using IRRF 2 funding; however, cost increases reduced the planned total number of PHCs to 142. On the other hand, 17 hospital projects were originally

planned for the health care sector under IRRF 2 funding, but the number was increased to 20 in December 2004.¹⁷⁴

By the end of this quarter, approximately 78% (\$640 million) of the sector's \$819 million of IRRF 2 was expended, and almost all of the sector's funding had been obligated. Figure 2-31 shows the status of sector funds.

Approximately 46% of all IRRF-funded projects in this sector have been completed, but progress on construction projects has been slowed considerably by security and management problems. By April 2007, 97 of 238 health care projects were completed. Figure 2-32 shows the status of projects in the health care sector.

Activities in this sector include constructing and refurbishing PHCs and hospitals throughout Iraq, as well as supplying those facilities with medical equipment and training medical practitioners and government officials. Past activities in this sector also included nationwide vaccination programs.

Figure 2-31
STATUS OF IRRF 2 FUNDS - HEALTH CARE
\$ Billions
Source: DoS, *Iraq Weekly Status* (3/27/2007)

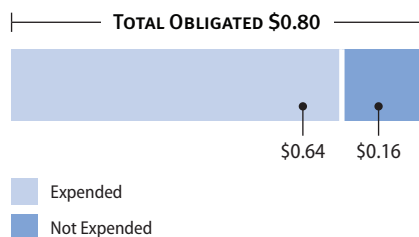
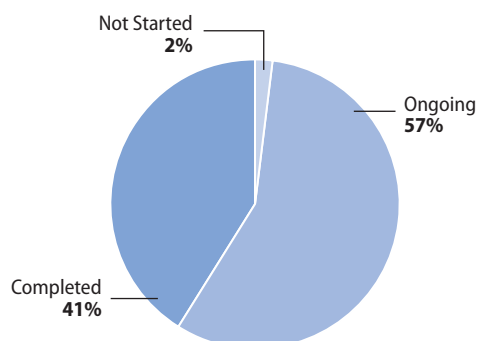


Figure 2-32
STATUS OF IRRF 2 PROJECTS - HEALTH CARE
Sources: IRMS, *IRMO Rollup* (3/30/2007); USAID, *Activities Report* (4/10/2007)



Project Type	Not Started	Ongoing	Completed	Total
Primary Healthcare Centers		126	15	141
Equipment Procurement	3	1	60	64
Hospitals	1	10	19	30
Nationwide Hospital and Clinic Improvements			3	3
Total	4	137	97	238



Erbil Maternity and Pediatric Hospital.

Construction Activities

Only 15 of 142 planned model PHCs have been completed to date. Of the 15 PHCs completed to date, 8 are currently open to the public. Of the remaining PHCs, 119 PHCs are currently under construction, and 8 have stopped work for various reasons, such as security concerns and subcontractor issues.¹⁷⁵

Of the unfinished PHCs, 72 are 90-100% complete, 45 are 75-90% complete, and 2 are 35-74% complete. Four PHCs were bombed, and construction at these locations has been terminated. Overall, GRD estimates that construction of more than 70 PHCs will be completed before July 2007, and the PHC program will be finished by December 2007.¹⁷⁶

Currently, GRD oversees the refurbishment of 20 hospitals under the original design-build contract and the construction of one hospital previously managed by USAID. Of the 20 hospitals under the original design-build contract, 13 have been completed by the contractor.¹⁷⁷ GRD reported that all hospital rehabilitations

in its hospital program are currently 87% complete; completion is expected by June 2007.¹⁷⁸

This quarter, SIGIR conducted an inspection at the **Erbil Maternity and Pediatric Hospital** and identified a number of sustainment issues. For example, medical waste has been dumped into the hospital drains and sewer system, clogging the system and posing a potential health risk. For more details on this inspection, see Section 3 of the Report.

The GRD-managed **Basrah Children's Hospital** project is proceeding on its new track. The overall project is 45% complete, as of March 30, 2007; the GRD-managed construction is 21% complete.¹⁷⁹ In addition to the construction activities on this project, GRD also manages a \$1.5 million contract for architect/engineer services contract and an \$8.7 million contract for medical equipment integration service. Project HOPE provides \$30 million in training and high-value medical equipment. Construction is scheduled to be complete in July 2008, and medical equipment integration

is scheduled for completion in November 2008, followed by a phased opening starting in early 2009.¹⁸⁰

Table 2-12 summarizes the status of health care facilities funded by IRRF 1 and IRRF 2.

Non-construction Activities

U.S.-funded projects have allocated \$214 million to procuring health care equipment and training health care providers. As of March 30, 2007, \$180 million had been expended in this subsector.¹⁸¹ DoS reported that medical equipment, consumables, and furniture were delivered and installed at the seven PHCs that

completed construction. Similarly, in the 12 hospitals in which rehabilitation is complete, \$23.7 million of medical equipment was delivered and installed.¹⁸²

USAID's Health Training Program closed out on December 31, 2006. The program trained 2,839 health care providers on managing childhood illness, enhancing interpersonal communications and counseling skills, and preventing infection. Additionally, more than 4,664 Iraqi citizens participated in courses. Thus, 17 of the 18 governorates have at least two individuals who have received the basic training of the program's curriculum.¹⁸³

IRRF-FUNDED HEALTH CARE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION: CURRENT & PLANNED

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES	CURRENT STATE, AS OF 3/30/2007	IRRF PLANNED END-STATE
Hospitals Rehabilitated	13	20
Hospitals Built	In progress	1
Primary Healthcare Centers Rehabilitated	147	147
Primary Healthcare Centers Equipped	600	600
Small Primary Healthcare Centers Built and Equipped	6	6
Model Primary Healthcare Centers Completed to Operational Stage	15	142

Sources: GRD-PCO, response to SIGIR, April 20, 2007 (Hospitals and Model PHCs); DoS *Section 2207 Report*, Tab 5 (Selected Metrics), January 2007 (all other data).

TABLE 2-12